



## Learn the **Green Lingo**: **Vampire Power**

**Vampire Power** is the power that is used even when electronics are turned off, or the charger is plugged in but not charging. “Even when you aren’t using your electronics, many are still drawing power—think of those little lights on your TV, the clocks on your DVR and microwave, and the phone charger that you keep plugged in even when your phone isn’t. Unplugging all your electronics from the wall when you aren’t using them can save you as much as 10 percent on your energy bill.” (Planet Green)

Just imagine the electricity Pare could save by turning off the power strip every time our computers were turned off for the weekend.

<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/>

## **Green Product of the Month**:

Change of pace, Green in your home. With spring here, and rain a somewhat constant, think about the summer months, consider a rain barrel. The barrels can be collapsible or solid, metal or plastic, basic or with features (low level faucet, screen lid, cover, etc.). Rain barrels help take advantage of a free natural resource, which not only helps you further green your backyard, it also decreases demand for treated water and saves money. Place it under your gutter or on your deck, and reuse the water for all your outdoor needs. For more information start at:

[http://www.greenhome.com/products/bath/water\\_conservation/116146/](http://www.greenhome.com/products/bath/water_conservation/116146/)



## **Green at Pare Upcoming Events**

**USGBC LEED Seminars:** Scott Lindgren and Cari Powers of PARE’s Sustainable Design Committee will be holding informational seminars on the USGBC’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program and PARE’s role in LEED projects. The seminars will be held from 12:00 – 12:45 on April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Lincoln office and from 12:00 – 12:45 on April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Foxboro office. Stop by to learn more about the program, LEED-certified projects PARE has participated in, and how you can become a LEED Green Associate or Accredited Professional.

**Recycling Challenge:** PARE’s second annual recycling challenge will take place during the week of April 19 – 23. We hope to build on last year’s success, and have a couple surprises for this year’s competition. Be on the lookout for more information as this year’s event draws near.

**Earth Day – April 22, 2010:** Earth Day 2010 is Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several area charities and organizations offer volunteer opportunities. One such group, the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, is holding its annual “Clean Day on the Greenway” on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. See Brandon Blanchard for information on how you can participate.



Olympic Village Master Plan

## **Green Current Events: Olympic Village Hailed World’s Greenest Neighborhood**

The newly-constructed Vancouver neighborhood housing Olympic and Paralympic athletes and coaches during the 2010 Games was awarded LEED Platinum certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), certifying it as the greenest, most energy efficient and sustainable neighborhood on Earth.

The distinction was awarded on several factors, including proximity to the downtown core, mixed residential and commercial use, affordable housing, green and energy efficient buildings and habitat restoration. The neighborhood also received points for building the Neighborhood Energy Utility, the City’s first renewable heating system.

The former industrial site on False Creek northwest of Science World will be home to up to 16,000 people once construction is complete. When the Games end, Vancouver will have a thriving mixed-use community of housing, retail, commercial and public spaces.

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